Volunteers saving lives on the water

MARINE RESCUE NSW

Log On with us for boating safety

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Log On and Log Off for safety

Your marine radio is one of the best boating companions you'll ever have. It will give you free calls and direct contact with Marine Rescue NSW radio bases on the NSW coast, as well as friends on other boats. It will also make your boating safer when you Log On and it's the fastest way to get help in an emergency.

Log On with your local Marine Rescue unit and you're making sure that someone responsible knows you're on the water and when you're due to return. If an emergency occurs that prevents you from Logging Off, Marine Rescue can start a search without delay.

When you contact the Marine Rescue unit to Log On, the radio operator will ask you for details about your boat, your plans for the day and other information that will help in case of an emergency. This is a free service. All you need to do is call or radio in to Log On.

When you return after your day out, make another call to Log Off and tell us you're back safely.

Radio checks

Be sure your radio is working properly. Call your local Marine Rescue unit for a radio check.

Think of where you are when you call. If you've just left the boat ramp or mooring, chances are the radio base will not be far away and your signal will be "Loud and Clear". This will certainly confirm that your radio is operating but it's just as important to get your radio check from a distance, such as where you stop offshore to fish.

Use this procedure:

Say "MARINE RESCUE (location – eg Marine Rescue Sydney) spoken up to three times (once is enough in normal conditions) THIS IS (your vessel name) spoken up to three times (twice is enough in normal conditions). RADIO CHECK. OVER."

The Marine Rescue operator will either respond with an immediate signal report or ask you to move to a working channel, which they will nominate. If they ask you to go to a working channel, change to that channel and call Marine Rescue again. The Marine Rescue operator will then provide a signal report and ask your location. Provide your location (the further away from the station, the more valid your radio check will be), followed by "OVER". The Marine Rescue operator will then conclude the exchange.

The signal report will be one of the following:

Signal report	Meaning
LOUD AND CLEAR	Loud clear voice communications. No noise or interference.
GOOD READABLE	Good voice. Slight background noise/ minor interference
FAIR READABLE	Marginal voice. Occasional repeat of words needed, noisy/bad interference.
WEAK READABLE	Unreliable, difficult to understand, frequent repeats needed.
UNREADABLE	Unintelligible, Voice barely evident.
NOTHING HEARD	No signal detectable.

For safer boating always:

Wear a lifejacket A lifejacket never ruined a day on the water. When you get on a boat, put on a lifejacket and have your passengers put on theirs too.

Log On and Log Off Call your local Marine Rescue base. Use your marine radio or mobile phone. Log On to tell us where you're going; Log Off to tell us when you return safe and sound.

Get a radio check Even if you logged by radio when you left port, smart skippers call for a radio check from their destination of the day.

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In a boating emergency radio for help on Distress and Calling channels

• VHF Ch 16 • 27 MHz Ch 88

Or call 000 by phone

If life-threatening also activate your EPIRB

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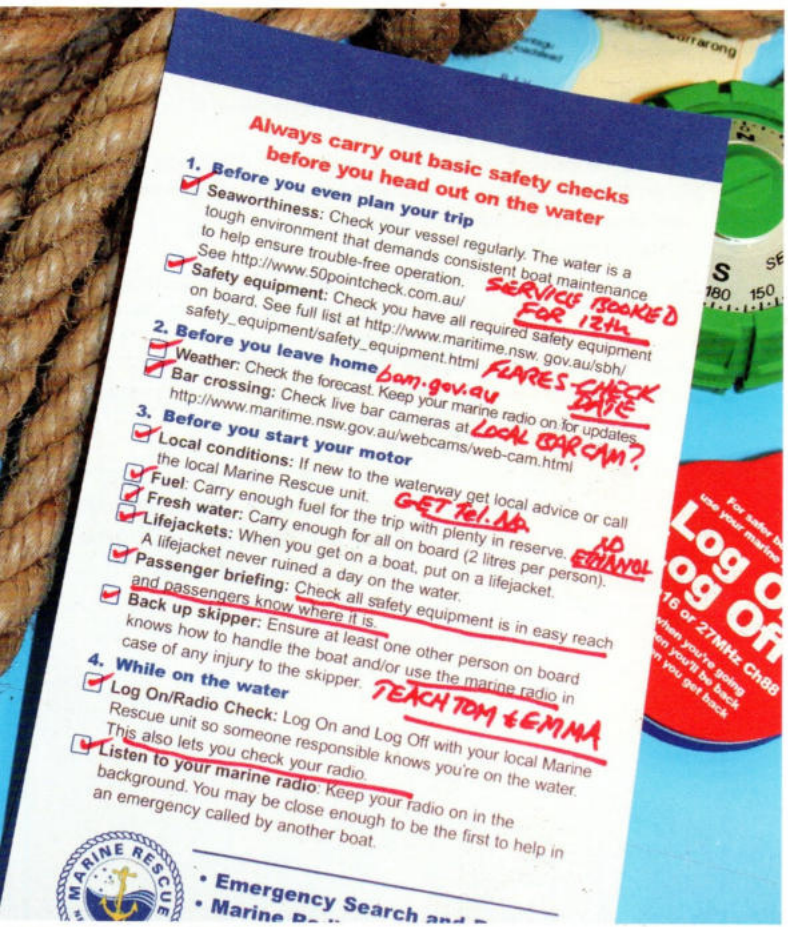
Your checklist for safer boating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2. Before you leave home
Weather: Check the forecast. Keep your marine radio on for updates.
Bar crossing: Check live bar cameras at http://www.maritime.nsw.gov.au/webcams/web-cam.html
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FLARES - CHECK DATE
bom.gov.au
LOCAL BAR CAM?
GET Tel. No.
NO ETHANOL
TEACH TOM & EMMA

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